

ADOPTION OF ORPHANS
IN STATE OF ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Dec. 23.—With the opening of state headquarters for the Near East Relief at Phoenix with Charles F. Willis, director in charge, and with the acceptance by Prof. Byron Cummings of the University of Arizona of the state chairmanship, active plans are on foot calling for the adoption through the relief committee of a large number of orphans by residents of this state.

The Near East Relief is incorporated under a special act of congress approved August 6, 1919, to assist in the repatriation, rehabilitation and re-establishment of suffering people in the Near East and adjacent areas and especially to provide for the care of orphans and widows. The incorporation is made directly responsible to the United States government by a clause in the act requiring annual reports on all receipts and disbursements.

Arizona is represented on the board of directors by Cleveland E. Dodge and Cleveland H. Dodge is treasurer of the organization. Other sponsors for the movement are William H. Tait, Charles Evans Hughes, Elihu Root, Abram I. Elkus, Charles W. Elliot and a score or more of other national figures.

The following official statement given out by the state director today indicates the present demoralized condition in the Near East and tells something of what has been accomplished and what it is hoped to accomplish:

By massacre, deportation, confiscation, and other methods of persecution, the Turks have tried to annihilate the non-Turkish population of Western Asia. It is estimated that of the survivors, 4,000,000 Armenians, Syrians, Jews, Greeks and Persians are destitute. Of this number 400,000 are orphans.

To say merely that they are destitute is not enough. Except where help from the outside has reached, they are dying by hundreds every day of starvation and disease. They have no homes and no clothing. They exist in hovels and caves. They have to fight for single grains of wheat; they scramble for refuse to eat. They have been so tortured and they are so desperate—some of them—that they have dug human bodies from their graves and eaten them.

Nowhere in history is there a record of human suffering on such a scale.

Since October 1915, the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief (The American Committee for Relief in the Near East) has been the channel of relief for these sufferers.

Prior to December, 1918, the committee distributed relief to a total value of about \$3,000,000; its budget for 1919 is \$30,000,000, a large part of which already has been transmitted to the destitute territory in the form of cash or relief supplies, the latter consisting of food, clothing, medical supplies, transport equipment, supplies for industrial relief and other stores.

More than 400 relief workers were sent out between January and June of this year. Included in this number were medical units of doctors and nurses, with full equipment for 15 hospitals of 100 beds each; agricultural experts, orphanage workers, reconstruction aids, kindergarten workers, and other skilled helpers.

Orphanages are maintained in connection with the relief centers. The statement is made by Howard Heinz, Mr. Hoover's representative in the Near East, that the committee's orphanages in Russian Armenia, which is but a small part of the territory in which it is administering relief, "have saved the lives of thousands of children."

Industrial work on a large scale has been provided for refugees, a notable example being at the great refugee camp at Port Said. Fifteen homes have been established in Asia Minor for Christian women and girls rescued from Turkish homes.

A light heart and a closed purse is an impossible combination at this Christmas season when thousands of little children are facing starvation or a worse fate in the misery darkened lands of the Near East.

CLEARY EXPLAINS
HIS DISAPPEARANCE

From the fact that Wm. B. Cleary, who is associated with Attorney Truckmeyer in the prosecution of most of the civil damage cases in the Cochise county Superior Court, growing out of the deportations of July 12, 1917, the article taken from the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune is exceedingly interesting. The Tribune, previous to the following, referred to Cleary as "an attorney of long experience in defending I. W. W.'s":

W. B. Cleary, attorney for James McHugo, I. W. W. organizer, convicted in Oakland of criminal syndicalism, appeared at his office in the Russ building yesterday after having dropped from sight when the case went to the jury late Wednesday.

"There was nothing mysterious about my disappearance," said Cleary. "I have not been in hiding. Tomorrow I will go to Oakland and move for a new trial for my client."

"The last day of McHugo's trial was disagreeable. I got my feet wet and caught cold. When the jury retired about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon I was told the jurors would go to dinner before they started their deliberations, which I expected would last some time. I did not dream they would return a verdict in a few minutes."

Verdict Comes First

"I returned to my room in San Francisco to get dry clothes. I reached the Perry building on my way back to Oakland, when I was told the jury had rendered a verdict. So I did not cross the bay because it was useless."

"The next day I did not arise until noon, and in the afternoon took a walk for a little fresh air after the long trial. Last evening I saw in the papers that I was missing, because I had failed to appear when a verdict was returned against my client. I tried to reach Judge Quinn by telephone, but could not, so I telegraphed him. I reached him by telephone today. I have not been in contempt of court, because the law does not require an attorney to be present when a verdict is brought in unless a poll of the jury is demanded."

"I do not belong to the I. W. W., even though I defended one of the members of that organization. I do not believe that the majority of the I. W. W. are violent, ultra-radical men. They are far peaceful reformers. I stamped the State of Arizona for the '80 per cent law,' which provided that no employer should be permitted to hire more than 20 per cent of foreigners. The law was declared unconstitutional. I was among those who ran out of Biebee during the labor troubles, simply because I had taken a liking in favor of insisting on every citizen having at least 80 per cent of its employees American citizens."

PLANS NEW TOWN IN
NORTHWEST OF STATE

KINGMAN, Ariz., Dec. 22.—C. B. Perry, of Harricane, Utah, reports that he and others have matters under way for the building of a dam 10 miles southeast of that town and four miles south of the Arizona border for the purpose of impounding flood waters with which to bring under cultivation about 6000 acres of fertile lands. As soon as spring opens 18 families will take up their residence upon the lands and establish a nice little community. The work has been laid out and cement purchased and hauled to the site and everything arranged for the work on the dam.

A NEW SILVER DISCOVERY

KINGMAN, Ariz., Dec. 22.—A new silver discovery is reported on the Silver Crown a half mile east of the Crown King. The ore is 6 feet wide, 2 feet of it going 119 ozs. The Mill dred is a rapid developing property situated adjoining the old Silver Crown on the south which is putting in machinery for sinking. The Mill dred is owned by Rosenberg & Co., of Los Angeles, Phoenix and Congress Junction. The Mildred, is expected to become a producer like the Lincoln, Blue Bird, and Union, who are shipping from the same locality. It is necessary to pack the ore on burros on account of the poor roads.

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES
ARE PASSED UPON

DOUGLAS, Dec. 21.—Claims for the personal damage done to a number of American citizens in Douglas by bullets from Mexico during the fighting in Agua Prieta in 1911 will be paid in the near future. A telegram received by Attorney Albert M. Samples yesterday from Congressman Carl Hayden, said:

"The house has just passed the joint resolution to pay claims for the citizens wounded on the American side of the line by Mexican bullets from the \$71,000 heretofore appropriated."

The local people whose claims are included in the list are:

Emma Larsen, \$1,000; Elmer E. Crowe, \$5,000; Francis F. Williams, \$5,000; John W. Keate, \$5,000; William R. White, \$2,000.

The remainder of the fund will be used to pay claims in El Paso.

The resolution referred to by Mr. Hayden was passed by the senate at the last session, then went to the house where it was referred to a committee which failed to report it back for action before the close of the session.

When the army appropriation bill was passed last July, the \$71,000 was tacked on as a rider to cover the award of indemnity authorized by the congressional committee which sat here for several days in 1912 on the claims of Douglas and El Paso people injured by Mexican bullets on this side of the line.

The original appropriation only specified for those killed on this side of the line and the mother and brother of J. W. Harrington, a railroad man killed by a stray bullet on the engine he was operating, in the rear of the Y. M. C. A. building, received \$15,000 early in the present year.

Judge Samples, who has handled all of the Douglas claims, said last night that he expected settlement from the treasury department within the next 60 days.

SILVERWARE MANUFACTURERS
ARE BIDDING HIGH FOR SILVER

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 21.—A letter from a large Boston brokerage house states as follows:

"It may interest you to know that one of the largest silverware manufacturers in the East has recently paid \$1.17 per ounce for silver, while the market in New York for actual delivery is about \$1.40. As a matter of fact, the price of silver at the present day is that at which it is possible to obtain a supply."

"Silvermiths and jewelers of Newark, N. J., and there are many of them, for the reason that Newark ranks third among the cities of the United States in the manufacture of jewelry, are seriously concerned about the steady and maintained rise in the price of silver, according to the Newark, N. J. Ledger. The majority agreed that the present silver quotations point to a silver famine that may prove of extreme embarrassment to the trade. Lately the price of silver has been steadily around the highest quotations ever recorded in the history of this country. Although stock quotations of \$1.20 an ounce have been published almost daily, manufacturers declare it is practically impossible to obtain the raw material at any price."

THREE THOUSAND ALIENS
ATTENDED NIGHT SCHOOL
IN STATE DURING YEAR

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 21.—More than 3,000 foreigners attending English classes at night schools conducted throughout Arizona during the school year ending last summer, according to a compilation of reports made public tonight by the state committee on Americanization.

Numbers of foreigners attending night schools in an effort to learn the English language included:

Phoenix, 174; Globe, 170; Miami, 133; Clifton, 138; Tucson, 168; Bisbee, 128; Douglas, 150; Pirtleville, 95, and Nogales, 238.

Two appointments to membership on the state commission on Americanization were also announced tonight. They were Captain Claude D. Jones, formerly an artillery officer in France, representative of the Sons of the American Revolution. Judge Sloan takes the place made vacant by the death recently of Dr. Van Der Veer.

FORT HUACHUCA TO
HAVE GREAT PROGRAM
OF XMAS FESTIVITY

Sports, Christmas dinner and various contests will make the celebration of Christmas at Fort Huachuca, according to the program which has been received here. Old custom of giving prizes for the best decorated table will be revived. The program follows:

1. 2:30-3:00 p. m.—Football game.
2. 4:00-4:30 p. m.—Supper.
3. 4:30-5:00 p. m.—Program by school children.
4. 5:00-5:30 p. m.—Contests in entertaining, best costume, etc. Cash prizes to be awarded, open to all.
5. 5:30-6:00 p. m.—Awarding of presents, Christmas tree.
6. 6:30-7:30 p. m.—Christmas feast, dessert, cake, etc.
7. 7:30-8:30 p. m.—Christmas motion pictures, free.
8. 9:00-12:00 p. m.—Reception and dance.

General Committee: Major Henry Abbey, Jr., 10th Cavalry, chairman; Major James E. Simpson, 10th Cavalry; Chaplain Oscar J. W. Scott, 10th Cavalry; 1st Lieut. F. H. Ryder, 10th Cavalry; 1st Lieut. Sam R. Peabody, 10th Cavalry.

Committee of Presents: Mrs. J. E. Hewitt, chairman; Mrs. W. T. Bawell, Mrs. S. R. Sebbly, Mrs. O. J. W. Scott, Mrs. E. Todd, Mrs. J. H. Williams.

Committee on Arrangements: M. C. M. C., chairman; 1st Sgt. Alonzo J. Day, Troop M, 10th Cavalry; Sgt. Geo. Lee, Hdqrs. Troop, 10th Cavalry; Sgt. William Floyd, Hdqrs. Troop, 10th Cavalry; Cpl. Robert Williams, Sgt. Troop, 10th Cavalry; Mrs. J. H. Malone, Mrs. William Payne.

Sub-committee: Ladies of Post and Sunday school, and 1st sergeants of each troop and detachment.

Judges: Harold H. Prince, Robert Gunn, Sgt. J. C. Battise, M. C. Cal. O. B. Meyer, 10th Cavalry; Maj. J. W. Confer, Jr., 10th Cavalry; Maj. I. B. Bartle, M. C.; Mrs. Henry Abbey; Mrs. W. J. Froehelm.

DUNBAR CASE

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—For the second time since the case went into the superior court the criminal libel suit against John O. Dunbar, editor of Dunbar's Weekly, was continued today.

Postponement was made necessary by the fact that Dunbar has gone to El Paso to spend the Christmas holidays with his son, Mark Dunbar. The previous postponement was due to a similar cause, the editor having made a trip to the coast just a few days prior to the date set for the trial.

The suit for criminal libel was filed against Dunbar by County Attorney L. M. Laney, and is based on certain editorial utterances which are alleged to have attacked the character of P. R. Milnes, secretary of the governor.

TRAIN SERVICE TO
BE RESUMED AFTER
SEVEN YEAR LAPSE

DOUGLAS, Dec. 21.—Traffic between Mexico City and Las Bajas, Guerrero, is expected to be resumed December 25, after a lapse of seven years, during which the activities of the Zapatistas have prevented through train service, according to a Mexico City dispatch to Orientacion, a Hermosillo, Sonora, newspaper.

The road between Cuernavaca and Las Bajas was found to have been entirely destroyed when the government troops recently recovered it from the Zapatistas, but reconstruction was started at once and is about completed. It is anticipated also that traffic will be re-established between Mexico City and Jolaitla, Morelos, on Christmas day.

STUDIES COTTON SITUATION

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—Roland Harwell, county agricultural agent of El Paso county, Texas, is here making a study and survey of cotton grown under the Salt River Valley and Yuma projects, in company with Project Manager Perry, of the Elephant Butte project, New Mexico. El Paso county, with a large acreage already under cultivation is now beginning to turn strongly to cotton culture.

WHO FIRED AT AND
WOUNDED FELIX MORALES?

DOUGLAS, Dec. 23.—Felix Morales, a Mexican youth, aged 17 years, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded yesterday morning between 4 and 5 a. m., by some unknown person near College Peak, a few miles east of Douglas, as they were trying to steal a ride on a freight train. Morales and his companion, Ramon Redon, a Mexican youth, were driving in about 10 o'clock, having been driven in by Frank Tooley from the Silver creek road camp. The wounded man was taken to the county hospital for treatment.

According to the story told by the men, they had decided to go out to the grading camps east of the city to look for work, leaving here Sunday. Sunday night was spent at McKay's camp where it was found there was no chance of getting a job. It was decided to go to the Silver creek camp Monday morning. Leaving McKay's camp between 4 and 5 o'clock, the men were walking east on the railroad track when a long, slow moving freight train came along. They decided that they would steal a ride on it and were running, Redon being in the lead. Suddenly Morales yelled to his companion that he could run no further as he was shot. Redon, turning back, found that there was a bullet wound in Morales' abdomen about three inches below the heart. The wound ranged downward.

Neither of the men heard the report of any weapon, but from the position of the wound it would appear someone had fired from the train. Both men say they saw no one on the train.

With Redon assisting him, Morales managed to walk to the Silver creek camp where he collapsed. Mr. Tooley placed the wounded man in his car and brought him to the county hospital.

COTTON WAREHOUSE TO
BE ERECTED IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Organization of a warehouse company is now under way for the building of the warehouse and compress of the American Arizona Egyptian Cotton Growers' association, and a rigid campaign to get every cotton grower in Arizona to support the movement will be launched on Monday.

A drawing of the proposed warehouse and compress has just been completed by Architect Flahugh and is now on exhibition in the windows of the Jordan, Grace & Phelps realty firm.

CAPT. MIX LEAVES
TO PRESENT SILVER
TO U. S. ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—Captain L. W. Mix, father of the silver service fund for the battleship Arizona, and Mrs. Mix are now on their way to New York to attend the presentation ceremonies to be held at the navy yard, December 27. Mr. and Mrs. Mix left Nogales Saturday night, and will arrive in Washington Christmas day, when they will pay their respects to the secretary of the navy and Arizona members of the national capital.

They will be joined there by Senators Mark Smith and Henry Ashurst and Congressman Carl Hayden, leaving on the morning of the twenty-sixth for New York.

Senator Ashurst will deliver the principal address at the presentation ceremonies. Captain Mix is scheduled for a short address outlining the history of the silver service movement and will tell how the plan of the committee have been so often frustrated because of the war.

Governor and Mrs. Elmer Campbell, both especially urged to attend, will be unable to do so. The governor will be represented by Captain Day, chief commander of the Arizona.

CLAIM RESTAURANTS BUY
TOO MUCH ARMY FOOD

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Mayor Keegan and City Clerk Dunlap of Globe told a sale on argument the last meeting of the town board over the method of distributing the army food supplies. It being claimed that the restaurant men at Globe had obtained too large a proportionate share of the supplies. Fire Chief Deahlke stated that they had not obtained as large a proportionate share as in the past as in the previous sales and offered to sever all connections with the food distribution "job" of once. The matter was finally settled by City Clerk Mayer being instructed to take charge of the next sale of the army food and expected to begin in a few days.

WARNS OF EFFECT OF
MEXICAN "MEDICINE"

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Warning to all drug stores in Maricopa county against the further sale of a "Mexican" preparation purporting to be of a medicinal nature, was issued today by the sheriff's office on the claim that the liquid contained 75 per cent alcohol. Some of it was confiscated by deputies following the information of a number of laborers on a ranch near here.

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